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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/864,921
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Art Unit	1637
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Education (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Response to Office Action (w/Exhibits. 1, 2 & 3) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 200.103(d)(1) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502624. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$395.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$1080.00
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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